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SAN FRAN SUES TRUMP OVER SANCTUARY ORDER

1 San Francisco filed a lawsuit on Tuesday challenging President Donald Trump's executive order directing the U.S. government to withhold money from cities that have adopted sanctuary policies toward undocumented immigrants. The lawsuit, filed by San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera, marks the first court challenge over the sanctuary order filed by one of the targeted cities.

Trump signed the directive on sanctuary cities on Jan. 25, along with an executive order to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border, as he charged ahead with sweeping and divisive plans to transform how the United States deals with immigration and national security. REUTERS

ADULT SWADDLING THERAPY FAD HITS TOKYO

2 Wrapped up from head to toe in a white bag and gently rocking from side to side, five Japanese mothers are hopeful Tokyo's latest health trend can cure their post-pregnancy aches and pains. According to its exponents, Otonamaki, which translates as "adult wrapping," was devised by a Kyoto midwife who thought replicating how children are swaddled at birth could help mothers overcome post labor shoulder and hip pain. The five mothers at a recent session in Tokyo lay on their backs with their knees on their chests bundled up in white cloths. Staff then helped them rock over cushions "It felt warm and there was this feeling with my body," said one mother who tried the 20 minute session. "I have never experienced this before so its quite hard to describe properly." REUTERS

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE CHARGED WITH MURDER

3 William Shakespeare has been charged with murder. A 29-year-old fugitive bearing the name of the literary giant was accused of killing another man in a Mattapan barber shop on June 14, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley said in a statement. Shakespeare was arrested Tuesday morning in the Bronx, following an investigation by the NYPD, the Boston Police Fugitive Unit and U.S. Marshals. Authorities said Shakespeare, of Dedham, shot 31-year-old Marcus Hall in what they are calling a "brazen" daytime shooting at a Blue Hill Avenue barber shop. Afterward, he fled to New York City, where he hid out until he was captured, police said. Conley's office secured a first-degree murder indictment against Shakespeare late last year, while he was still being sought. ERIN TIERNAN

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

HARBIN ICE AND SNOW FESTIVAL

5 Tourists enjoy ice-track cycling as they ride through an illuminated ice castle during the 33rd Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival at Harbin Ice and Snow World in Harbin, China. The festival, established in 1985, is held annually on Jan. 5 and lasts over a month. GETTY IMAGES

FRAUD AFFAIR ROCKS FILLON'S CAMPAIGN

4 French police searched presidential candidate Francois Fillon's office in parliament on Tuesday as an inquiry into alleged fake work by his wife threatened his campaign and party leaders began to consider a "Plan B" without him. Fillon had been favorite to win the presidency for the conservative Republicans party until a week ago, when it was reported that his wife Penelope had

drawn hundreds of thousands of euros in pay from state funds without doing any work. Fillon has said his Welsh-born wife, with whom he has five children, did real work for her pay as a parliamentary assistant. She has not commented. An urgent official inquiry was opened last week. REUTERS

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Trump taps Gorsuch as nominee for Supreme Court justice

The president fulfills a campaign promise to appoint a conservative judge to the bench.

Judge Neil Gorsuch, left, shakes hands with President Donald Trump after he was nominated for the Supreme Court on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump nominated appellate judge Neil Gorsuch on Tuesday for a Supreme Court post, a jurist who could help shape rulings on such issues such as abortion, gun control, the death penalty and religious rights.

Trump made his choice between two federal appeals court judges, Gorsuch and Thomas Hardiman, according to media reports. Both have strong conservative credentials and were appointed to the bench by former Republican President George W. Bush.

If confirmed by the Senate, Gorsuch will replace Antonin Scalia, a leading conservative voice on the court who died last February.

Democrats, still fuming over the Republican-led Senate's refusal to act on former President Barack Obama's court nominee last year, girded for a fight. Some Democrats have vowed to do everything in their power to block confirmation.

The court, shorthanded for nearly a year, is ideologically split with four conservative justices and four liberals. Trump's pick can restore its conservative majority.

Gorsuch, 49, a judge on the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, would be the youngest Supreme Court nominee since Republican President George H.W. Bush in 1991 selected Clarence Thomas, who was 43 at the time.

Gorsuch joined an opinion in 2013 saying that owners of private companies could object on religious grounds to a provision of the Obamacare health insurance law requiring employers to provide coverage for birth control for women.

Amid partisan tension since Trump took office on Jan. 20, Democrats remain enraged because Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refused last year to allow the Senate to consider Obama's nomination of Judge Merrick Garland for the vacant seat. That action had little precedent in U.S. history.

Gambling that Republicans would win the presidency in the Nov. 8 election, McConnell argued that Obama's successor should get to make the pick. The move paid off with Trump's victory, but the court has run shorthanded for nearly a full year.

A Supreme Court justice can have influence for decades after the president who made the appointment has left office. Trump's appointee could be instrumental in cases involving abortion, gun, religious and transgender rights, the death penalty, presidential powers, environmental regulation and other contentious matters.

Advocacy groups geared up for a fight.

Judicial Crisis Network, a conservative legal advocacy group, said it would launch the first part of a $10 million media advertisement campaign on Tuesday night in favor of Trump's pick. The effort will hold Senate Democrats who face election in 2018 "accountable for their choice" on the Supreme Court, the group said.

Liberal groups including People For the American Way and abortion rights advocate NARAL Pro-Choice America planned a nighttime rally in opposition to Trump's nominee outside the Supreme Court after the announcement.

"Senate Democrats are one of the last remaining checks on Trump's power and they should not let him make a lifetime Supreme Court appointment," the Friends of the Earth environmental group said.

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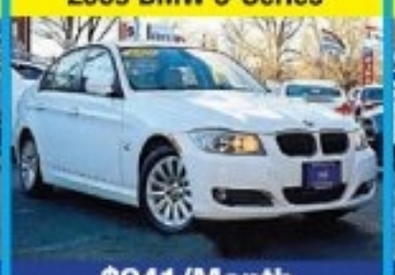

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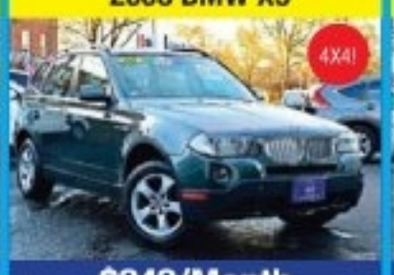

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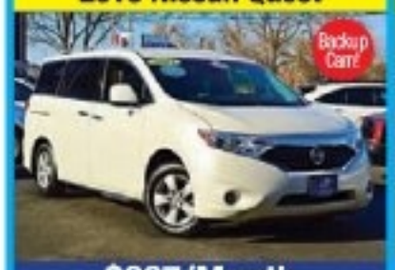

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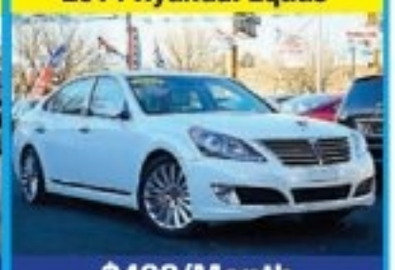

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Pro-choice supporters stand in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. ISTOCK

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The future of Roe v. Wade and abortion rights in America

Technically, abortion in New York state is still under the homicide code, an attorney for the NYCLU said.

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Women's-reproductive-rights advocates say they are on the precipice of an unknown.

Some fear accessibility to health care, contraceptives and the right to choose an abortion will be taken away by President Donald Trump, either by an executive order or with the help of a vote by his Supreme Court pick.

Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch, will likely keep the balance of the highest court in the land as it was before Justice Antonin Scalia died early last year. Provided the remaining justices live long, healthy lives, the nine-member bench will have a slight edge in favor of conservatives.

Abortion-rights advocates fear the new, conservative Supreme Court justice could tip the balance against Roe v. Wade, the landmark case that made abortion legal on a federal level 44 years ago.

Metro spoke to Katharine Bodde, an attorney with the New York Civil Liberties Union, whose practice focuses on gender equity and reproductive rights.

Where does Roe v. Wade stand now?
That's a pretty tricky question. We saw the president assign the global gag rule so foreign [nongovernmental organizations] can't mention abortion in their provision of health care.

I think we are expecting certainly very serious concerns in Congress. … [We] expect a proposal to defund Planned Parenthood. Certainly, the right to abortion care is important, [and for women who can't access abortion care], it is equally important to protect those women as well.

Will that keep protections in place even if Roe v. Wade is overturned in DC?
I think that it's an interesting proposal. We would have to look at any proposal, but it's a pretty serious push to amend the state's constitution. We would have to have abortion removed from the criminal code in New York state. That's the source of confusion with providers.

Can the federal government withhold funding if the state doesn't comply with a new ruling on abortion rights and access, similar to the threats made to sanctuary cities?
There's a lot of different ways to manipulate policy through funding.

Trump announced appellate judge Neil Gorsuch as his SCOTUS pick Tuesday night. Waking up Wednesday, what is different about today?
I think the composition would be technically the same if Trump puts in his pick. We'd have to, of course, go through a process, but once confirmed, the composition would be the same as before Justice Scalia passed. The concern was that was already a slim margin and we have some aging members of the court. We can just hope that there is no other opening.

Can SCOTUS just dust Roe v. Wade off and reverse it?
The Supreme Court has to actually to have a case in controversy in front of them. They can't just reverse it.

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Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., talks with constituents at Champs Sports Grill in State College during his statewide bus tour last August. GETTY IMAGES

Toomey's support for refugee ban prompts blizzard of emails, calls

The Republican senator has been inundated with constituents voicing their opinions since the president's order last week.

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Sen. Pat Toomey's office has been deluged with constituent messages both praising and condemning his support for President Donald Trump's order banning refugees from entering the country.

The Pennsylvania Republican, who recently began his second term in office, has received more electronic faxes than any other U.S. senator or representative, according to the website Fax Zero.

Toomey's office has also received "thousands" of calls since Trump signed the executive order last week that temporarily prohibits refugees and citizens from seven Muslim-majority nations from entering the U.S., WJAC reported.

On Monday, the senator said he supports the decision to ban refugees, but found the initial document "too broad and poorly explained," the Morning Call reported. Toomey praised a subsequent clarification that said green card holders and permanent residents from the restricted countries would be allowed to enter the United States.

A spokesman for Toomey told Metro that "many Pennsylvanians are rightfully making their voices heard on a myriad issues and are using all available avenues to do so." Toomey's staff in Pennsylvania and Washington "are answering as many calls, faxes and emails as possible while also attending to other responsibilities, such as helping veterans, senior citizens, and tending to legislative matters," the spokesman said.

Toomey has faced intense pressure from constituents for his positions on other issues like his support for the president's cabinet nominees and for repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act. The opposition has led to weekly protests at his offices around the state, which have been dubbed "Tuesdays with Toomey."

The senator defeated Democratic challenger Katie McGinty in the November election to secure his second term.

> *"I look forward to learning more about how the administration intends to enforce this executive order..."*
> Sen. Pat Toomey

The list of most-faxed representatives, compiled by Fax Zero, indicates the recently re-elected senator received 1,113 faxes in the last 24 hours, as of late Tuesday morning. Toomey leads the next most-faxed representative, California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein — who has been in office for 25 years — by more than 350 faxes.

For Sen. Bob Casey's position on the issue, visit metro.us.

What does it take to impeach a president?

Only two presidents in U.S. history have ever been impeached. None has been removed from office.

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Following a series of scandals and hearings on the matters, Bill Clinton was accused of lying under oath. GOOGLE COMMONS

Impeachment is the first step in removing the President of the United States or any other top-ranking official in the government. Though he has been in office for less than two weeks, President Donald Trump already faces calls for his removal, in addition to the numerous and massive protests, rallies and demonstrations against him.

What is impeachment?

During the inaugural oath, a new president agrees to uphold the responsibilities of the office and to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

If a president is found to have abused his or her power or committed "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors" per Article II, Section Four of the Constitution, he or she could be impeached.

In 1970, then-Rep. Gerald R. Ford defined impeachable offenses as "whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be at a given moment in history."

Congress has issued articles of impeachment for "exceeding the constitutional bounds of the powers of the office," "behavior grossly incompatible with the proper function and purpose of the office" and "employing the power of the office for an improper purpose or for personal gain."

Impeachment, a charge of misconduct, does not immediately signal removal from office.

The process

Starting in the House of Representatives, an article of impeachment can be introduced like any other bill, per Article II of the U.S. Constitution: "The President, Vice President and all Civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

The information in the article of impeachment is the basis of the case against the accused official, such as a president. The House Judiciary Committee will decide if a resolution to impeach is in order.

Then the full House has to vote on each article of impeachment, requiring a majority to approve the article, which is then sent to the Senate for trial.

In the Senate

The case is tried in the Senate as if it were a court with House representatives acting as prosecutors, according to Congressional rules.

The chief justice of the Supreme Court presides over the trial with the senators acting as jurors. In a private session, the verdict is debated by the senators.

Then, the Senate holds an open session to publicly vote on the verdict. If found guilty by two-thirds of the Senate, the president would be removed from power and never allowed to hold a government position again.

No president has ever been convicted by the Senate and removed from office.

For more on a possible Trump impeachment, visit metro.us.

Impeachable acts

Impeachment does not mean removal from office. The president facing impeachment would have to be found guilty of a criminal act in order to be ousted.

The first president to be impeached was No. 17, Andrew Jackson. He was one Senate vote shy of a guilty verdict on the charge of crimes against humanity for the removal of the Cherokee Indians.

The second president to be impeached was Bill Clinton in 1998. That happened during a scandal involving White House intern Monica Lewinsky's leaked conversations admitting that she had an affair with the commander-in-chief. Clinton was charged with perjury and obstruction of justice in connection with that probe, but the Senate found him not guilty.

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A woman uses a SEPTA Key. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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SEPTA executives expect use of the SEPTA Key to grow after they expand sales of the Keys across the transit system, which is tentatively scheduled to take place this spring.

"We've heard from our customers, they want it in their home station," said Leslie Hickman, chief officer of the Rail Transit Division at SEPTA. "We anticipate a lot of our customers moving over."

SEPTA executives also defended the changes in turnstiles and pointed out that token holders can use those tokens to buy a Quik Trip single ride at SEPTA Key kiosks, instead of waiting for the teller. They believe the eventual benefits will outweigh the growing pains.

"Last night, I walked by the 15th Street sales office, and given it was Jan. 30, there was a long line and there were people in line to either purchase a weekly pass or a monthly pass," said Richard Burnfield, SEPTA deputy general manager. "The benefits of having a keycard are not having to wait in line, being able to reload your card from home, and you can register your card for protection, so if you lose it you don't lose the value."

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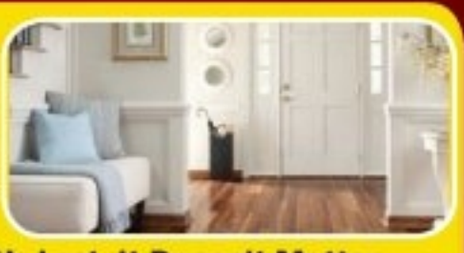

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Oprah to make her grand return to television

Finally, some good news.

This fall, Oprah will be making the comeback of a lifetime: She'll be joining "60 Minutes" as a special correspondent. According to Vulture, she'll be filing stories that facilitate real conversations between people from different backgrounds.

"I'm so excited and proud to join forces with this historic news program, which for me represents the bastion of journalistic storytelling," Winfrey said in a statement. "At a time when people are so divided, my intention is to bring relevant insight and perspective." You gotta admit— the woman has impeccable timing.

No word yet on whether or not those interviews will be tearful and full of emotions, but a girl can dream.

Dr. Luke continues his war against Kesha

Kesha is still hashing out her legal battle with Dr. Luke, and things have taken a turn for the worse — again. And it's all over … a text message?

That's right. The producer and creep, aka Lukasz Gottwald, is claiming that a text exchange between Kesha and Lady Gaga is part of a grand defamation scheme against him. He believes Kesha has taken on "a malicious campaign to destroy [his] reputation and career," according to Buzzfeed. The text message made no mention of Dr. Luke by name, but did state that another recording artist had been "raped by the same man."

This is such tragic news for Kesha, who, by the way, has had both her reputation and career completely decimated by this man. Dr. Luke still refuses to release Kesha from her contract, and still refuses to release any of her new music, keeping her in a dreadful state of limbo. Going so low as to use a private text message exchange as evidence of a defamation scheme is shameful. Also — disgusting.

Enough, my dude. Grow up, own up.

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Chrissy Teigen claps back on Twitter about IVF struggles

One of the small pleasures I take in life is watching Chrissy Teigen handle trolls with aplomb. The woman has a true talent. So it should come as no surprise she handily let a Twitter user know about herself. The very frank model opened up about having another baby with John Legend: And this time, it's going to be a boy.

Teigen has been very open about her fertility issues, and her experience with IVF after having trouble conceiving — which, honestly, is super refreshing. But then, a woman named Linda jumped in Teigen's mentions. Poor Linda, who doesn't know a thing. Linda, a teacher from Florida, who is probably out of her mind, suggested that Teigen "give it a minute to try naturally," and accused her of "avoiding 'the act,'" which, OK, girl.

The "Lip Sync Battle" commentator wrote back:

> "Hi Linda, thanks for asking, you complete witch. I tried for about 9 years. Anything else, let me know!"

Teigen suffers no fools.

Pharrell Williams and his wife welcome triplets

Oh, man:

Pharrell Williams definitely knows what it means to "Get Lucky."

According to Vanity Fair, the singer/"Hidden Figures" producer/jack-of-all-the-damn-trades welcomed triplets — TRIPLETS — with his wife, Helen Lasichanh, early in January.

Back in September, Pharrell's rep confirmed the couple was expecting their second child, but I mean, nobody said anything about the third or fourth! They already have one son, Rocket Man Williams (I can't), age 8.

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Léon is definitely not tired of talking

The new Swedish singer-songwriter with the hit of summer 2016 is just winding up.

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When Sweden's Léon posted "Tired of Talking" to Soundcloud last summer, the singer-songwriter didn't know it would strike a nerve with empowered-female crowds. It was the first track she worked on with producing partner Agrin Rahmani and that contagiously melodic tune won the immediate attention of Columbia Records, which swooped-in and signed them.

Now, eight months and three more singles — "Nobody Cares," "Liar" and the new "Sleep Deprived" — later, Léon is a buzzworthy artist. Her debut album is due shortly, and she and Rahmani gear up for their first huge tour that brings them to the East Coast this week. Léon phoned from Stockholm on a breezy Friday evening to discuss all of the above.

You've been writing songs since childhood and playing cello, and your folks come from the classical world as instrumentalists and composers. Did they absolutely shriek when you expressed an interest in pop?

Well, I played the cello, as well as my mom, and I wrote songs in all genres growing up, so there was this tear between the classical world and pop. I think they got used to me listening and loving soul music then singing in classical choirs and such. It wasn't as though my going pop came up overnight. Plus, I think they thought it was fun.

It probably can't hurt that you're making money at making pop?

Well … [laugh] that's the goal. And my mom has played cello on some of my songs. My uncle, too.

You went to school for pop music writing and production in Sweden, which I can't help but think must have included ABBA and Max Martin in the syllabus. Was that cool?

It was. [The courses were] more of a post-high school set of classes than a college curriculum. I already had a sound, which was this soul-jazz thing, so I went to learn about the business, the studio and the art of collaboration.

And you met your producing partner there. What did you guys like about each other?

There were like 30 people in our classes, and we had as much similar about us as we had different. I was about jazz and soul with a classical background. He has an indie background.

We actually got put together by a teacher for a project. The songs that we have now were some we wrote in those classes. That's funny to think about. "Liar" and "Tired of Talking" are both 2 years old this month.

Do you pay attention to women protesting Donald Trump and his anti-feminist, anti-abortion politics? Your work is very self-possessed when it comes to displaying a woman's strength, and your songs are very much like anthems to this movement.

I am very aware of the woman's movement in America, and throughout the globe. It's natural to be a feminist in Sweden and we don't take equality for granted. It's great that people are taking a stand, but no one had to tell me to be feminist. Whether you're black, white, gay, straight — equality should be a given.

So are you allowed to say where you are with the album, its title, the way the rest of the tunes sound?

I was done with it, but then suddenly, I wasn't. I can't say much obviously, but I am beyond excited. Honestly, I hate being secretive as you know from my songs, but it's not just about me anymore.

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From left: Tin Angel owner Donal McCoy, booking agent Larry Goldfarb and performer Citizen Cope on one of the last nights at the Old City club. PROVIDED

The Tin Angel to close its doors

But it's not goodbye forever.

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Last Thursday night — with a whiff of protest in the air from Donald Trump's presidential visit to Philly — soulful folkie Citizen Cope performed yet another soldout show at Old City's intimate Tin Angel. "One of five sold out shows for Cope — a dear friend of mine," exclaims Tin Angel booker Larry Goldfarb. "Every show last week and this week is sold out; in minutes yet. Amazing."

These sell outs are bittersweet affairs though to Cope ("This was the first venue in Philly where I had a warm response"), Goldfarb (who's been at Tin Angel since its start 24-years-ago) and Donal McCoy, the Northern Ireland-born bartender who bought the 115-seat venue and its downstairs Serrano restaurant in 2005. After the last gig with quirky, one-time local rocker Ben Vaughn on Feb. 4, the Tin Angel in Old City will be no more as McCoy sold the two-story space to partners behind Northeast Philly's El Balconcito with the intention of opening a Peruvian/Portuguese restaurant.

McCoy owns the bar-and-burger joint Sassafras on the same South Second Street block, so it's not as if he's abandoning Old City. "Tin Angel is gorgeous and we made it sound great thanks to the late George Pierson and Barb Adams, but it's an 8-by-9-foot stage and only holds 115 people," says McCoy, pragmatically. "I'm not killing Tin Angel. I'm looking to make it bigger without losing its small room intimacy and vibe." With that, McCoy claims he has a location picked out and ready to roar for Tin Angel 2.0. "Just slightly north of here. I'm sure I'll open before 2017 ends," he says.

Vibe is crucial to Tin Angel in the opinion of McCoy and the likes of Citizen Cope, who played larger-size venues in Philly before landing at the Old City acoustic salon. "There is warmth here; it's in the walls," said Cope. Vibe is what McCoy and Goldfarb hope is a movable feast, when this room closes and the next, roomier Tin Angel opens with the ability to go after "larger acts" while still "nurturing the locals," according to McCoy.

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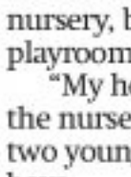
Missoni Amos GETTY

Margherita Missoni bring sunshine to Pottery Barn Kids

The Italian designer and ultrachic mom just launched a collection for the home retailer.



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You might recognize Margherita Missoni Amos from high-society pages of fashion magazines, where the heiress to Italian brand Missoni is often featured in photos from fabulous parties, clad in her family's iconic zigzag knits.

But design is in her blood, and after having two sons, Otto and Augusto, with husband Eugenio Amos, she launched a childrenswear line, Margherita Kids, in 2015. Now, Missoni Amos is branching out into kids' furnishings, with a home line for Pottery Barn Kids.

The 50-piece capsule collection, which debuted last week, includes sunny, whimsical decor for the nursery, bedroom and playroom.

"My home, including the nurseries for my two young boys,

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definitely incorporates my mix-and-match style," says the Italian-based designer. "I love to play with color, print and texture."

Her bohemian aesthetic is evident throughout the line: Free-spirited daisies are a main motif decorating poufs, mirrors and sheets ("Margherita" means "daisy" in Italian, and the flower is a signature in her children's clothing collection); pillows are embroidered with sweet Italian sayings and plush, colorful pompoms cover quilts.

"I love pairing classic and timeless items with things that are a bit more playful," she says. "It's important for your home to be a reflection of your own personal taste."

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Below, Missoni Amos takes us through more of her favorites.

1 What are some trends in kids' furniture you're loving?

As a parent, I now understand how important it is to have a comfy armchair in a child's bedroom. Inevitably, you'll use it a lot — for middle-of-the-night calls, reading to your little one and cuddling before bedtime. I wouldn't necessarily call this a "trend," but I'm a huge proponent of incorporating child-size furniture into kids' rooms such, as the Daisy Chair and Floral Printed Anywhere Chair. I strongly believe that it's important for children to be surrounded by furniture that's both approachable and size-appropriate.

2 What are some mom blogs/sites you read?

Some of my favorites are Grace-Magazine, Not So Mumsy and Jet Set Mama.

3 What are the must-have items for a kid's room?

I recommend a durable rug (spills happen!) and ample storage baskets for the inevitable accumulation of toys!

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Phillies' hurler Nola ready to fight back from elbow injury

Will the young Phillies starter resemble an ace or a spot starter when he returns in 2017?

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Pete Mackanin feels this year's Phillies team could be onto something special. Entering his second full season as manager, Mackanin is filled with optimism.

There is one thing, though, that he's a bit hesitant on: Aaron Nola.

This has nothing to do with his talent, but rather how the right-hander will respond after a frustrating 2016 that was shut down early due to a right elbow strain.

"I'm going to be nervous the whole year that [athletic trainer] Scott Sheridan doesn't come into my office and say, 'Pete, his elbow is bothering him,'" Mackanin said. "You don't want it to get to that. You always think about it."

Putting that gloomy thought behind him, Mackanin just wants to see Nola rediscover his fastball. After debuting with a 6-2 record and a 3.59 ERA in 2015, Nola limped to a 6-9 mark and a 4.78 ERA in his sophomore season.

Mackanin doesn't believe the high expectations that surrounded the No. 7 overall pick in 2014 had anything to do with his struggles. To him, it was just a matter of losing touch with his go-to pitch.

"This guy doesn't rattle very easily but I do think he got rattled when he got hit a little bit and he lost a little bit velocity, maybe because of that or not, he lost command of his fastball which is his bread and butter," Mackanin said. "I've said it before, he's one pitcher I've seen with the ability to command his fastball on both sides of the plate down in the zone and that's his strength. He wasn't doing that all of a sudden."

Nola says he feels "like I'm back to normal" but will approach his third season with more caution than he has before. That's because he knows how important health, especially to his arm, is for his sustained longevity in this league.

The LSU product will focus more on his routine and keeping it "strict" so that he be relied upon for an entire season.

"My No. 1 goal is to stay healthy," Nola said. "That's always going to be my No. 1 goal. … I'm definitely looking forward to this year. An injury-free [season] is definitely important for me. I'm just glad it wasn't anything big or anything prolonged."

Moreover, Nola is just eager to get to spring training where he's well aware that he'll be under the microscope as he returns from his elbow injury. He doesn't believe any of the extra eyes on him will cause him to overthrow or get off rhythm.

Once deemed a future ace for the Phillies, Nola is ready to take that next step forward and prove to the organization that used a top-10 pick on him that he is ready for that role.

"We know what he's capable of doing," Mackanin said.

With a healthy Aaron Nola in Clearwater next month, the Phillies will have depth at starting pitcher. GETTY IMAGES

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Flyers searching for consistency

The playoff push is officially underway for the Flyers.

With the All-Star Game in the rearview mirror, their postseason fate will be determined over the next two-plus months and by their 32 remaining games. Heading into Tuesday night's game in Carolina, Philly owned a 25-19-6 record and held the final wild-card spot in the East.

However, the Maple Leafs trail the Flyers by one point while a host of teams are also within striking distance.

The difference between whether or not they earn a second-straight trip to the playoffs will likely come down to developing some form of consistency.

Consider that over the last two months, the Flyers have been either white hot or ice cold with very little in between.

They put together a 10-game winning streak, which matched the third longest stretch in team history, in November and December, but immediately did a 180 and lost seven of their next eight and won just three of the next 15 games. The Flyers temporarily righted the ship before the break with three straight wins.

The Flyers have seen it all, from highs to lows, this season so far. GETTY IMAGES

Despite the roller coaster stretch, the team is trying to keep things in perspective.

"The highs really aren't that high and the lows really weren't that low," coach Dave Hakstol said last Thursday. "There are some small differences that are in there. We played some real good hockey games during the time where you could call it the slump. So for us it is the simple things."

Still, the Flyers know they can't continue to go from one extreme to the other. They need to remain on an even keel.

"I think we were trying to find our game a little bit after we won 10 in a row," captain Claude Giroux said. "We got away from our game and how we wanted to play."

After traveling to face the Hurricanes, who are six points behind the Flyers but have played two less games, the Flyers open a five-game homestand against the Canadiens, Kings, Blues, Islanders and Sharks.

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Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, December term, 2016, No. 3204
Notice is hereby given that on December 14, 2016, the petition of: **Gemone Newton** was filed, praying for a decree to change his name to **Gemone R. Newton El.** The Court has fixed courtdate, February 24th, 2017 at 11:30A.M., in Room No. 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for hearing. All persons interested may appear and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

ENTERTAINMENT

Divorce summons by publication and mailing

Docket No. SU16D2302DR

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Jose Mercedes Suero De Los Santos vs.
Marilyn Aviles Garcia

To the Defendant:

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Jose Mercedes Suero De Los Santos,** your answer, if any, on or before **03/07/2017.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.

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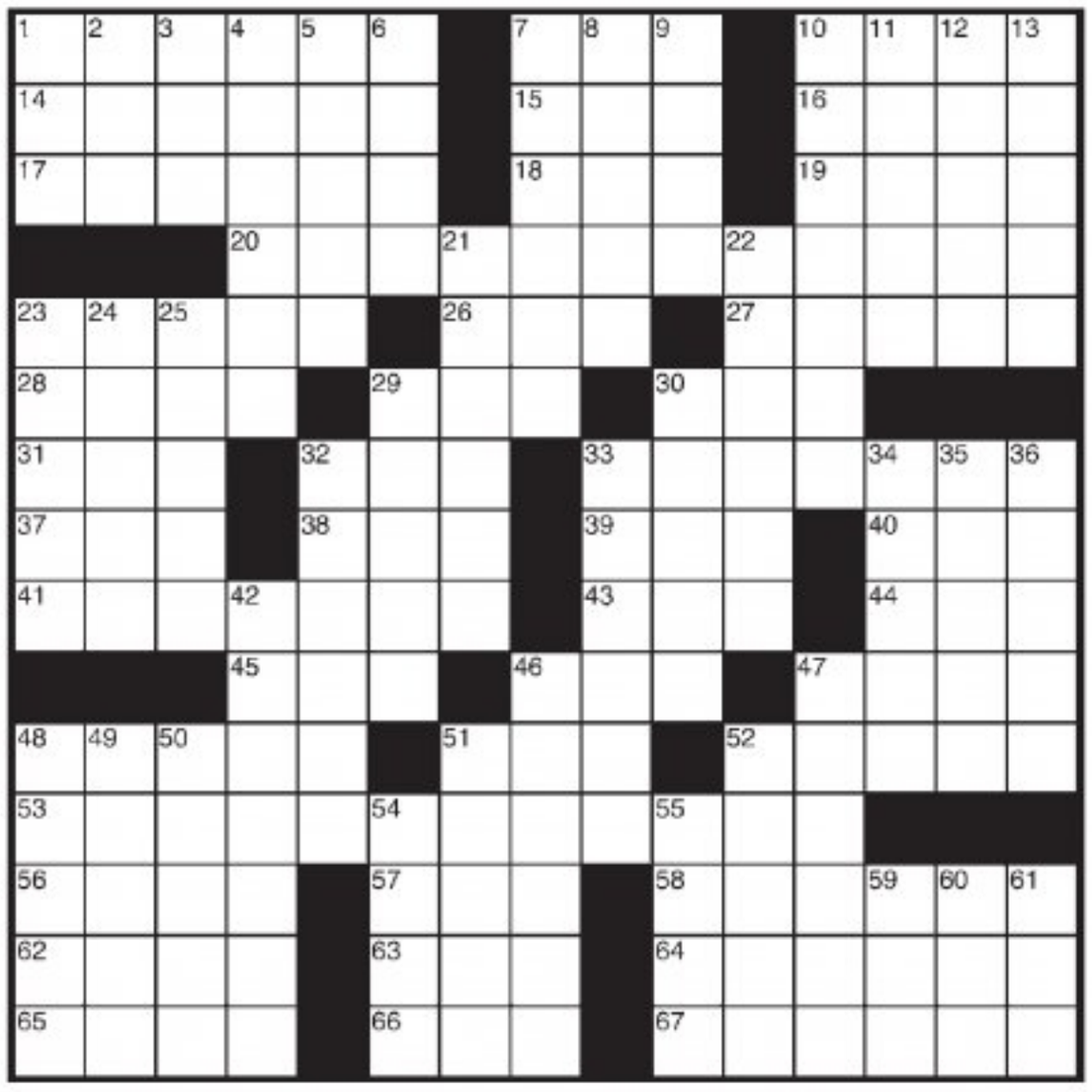

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Aries High energy and an impulsive nature will bring good results if you are disciplined, prepared and organized. Reach for the stars with certainty.

Taurus Your association with a group of interesting people willing to explore similar interests will broaden your outlook and help you discover what you really want to pursue.

Gemini You'll be ready to take on the world. Get active and exert discipline in order to bring about positive change. An opportunity will come to you through old colleagues.

Cancer Don't ignore friends, family or children who need your help. Be resourceful and offer solutions, but don't do the work for someone who has made a mistake.

Leo Bring about the changes you've been longing for. Beef up your résumé or pick up skills that will qualify you for a position you desire. Present what you have to offer.

Virgo You'll be offered a bad deal. Ask questions and gather the facts before you make a major decision. Emotionally fueled spending will lead to loss and regret.

Libra Network, express your feelings and reach out to those who can contribute to your plans. Don't neglect your duties at home, or complaints will be made.

Scorpio Discussions will be informative, but before you take someone's word, consider the source and think about if exaggeration has played a role. Rely on your gut feeling.

Sagittarius Home is where the heart is, and making your abode more efficient will pay off. If you are proactive, you will reach a new level of comfort and convenience.

Capricorn Avoid excessive people. Stick to what you know, and avoid making a change based on hearsay or conjecture. Trust your gut feelings when dealing with others.

Aquarius Emotional energy will help you push your way to the top. Whether you are helping others or expanding your own interests, give it your all.

Pisces Someone will take advantage of you if you are too accommodating. Think twice before you spend time trying to get everyone to love you. EUGENIA LAST

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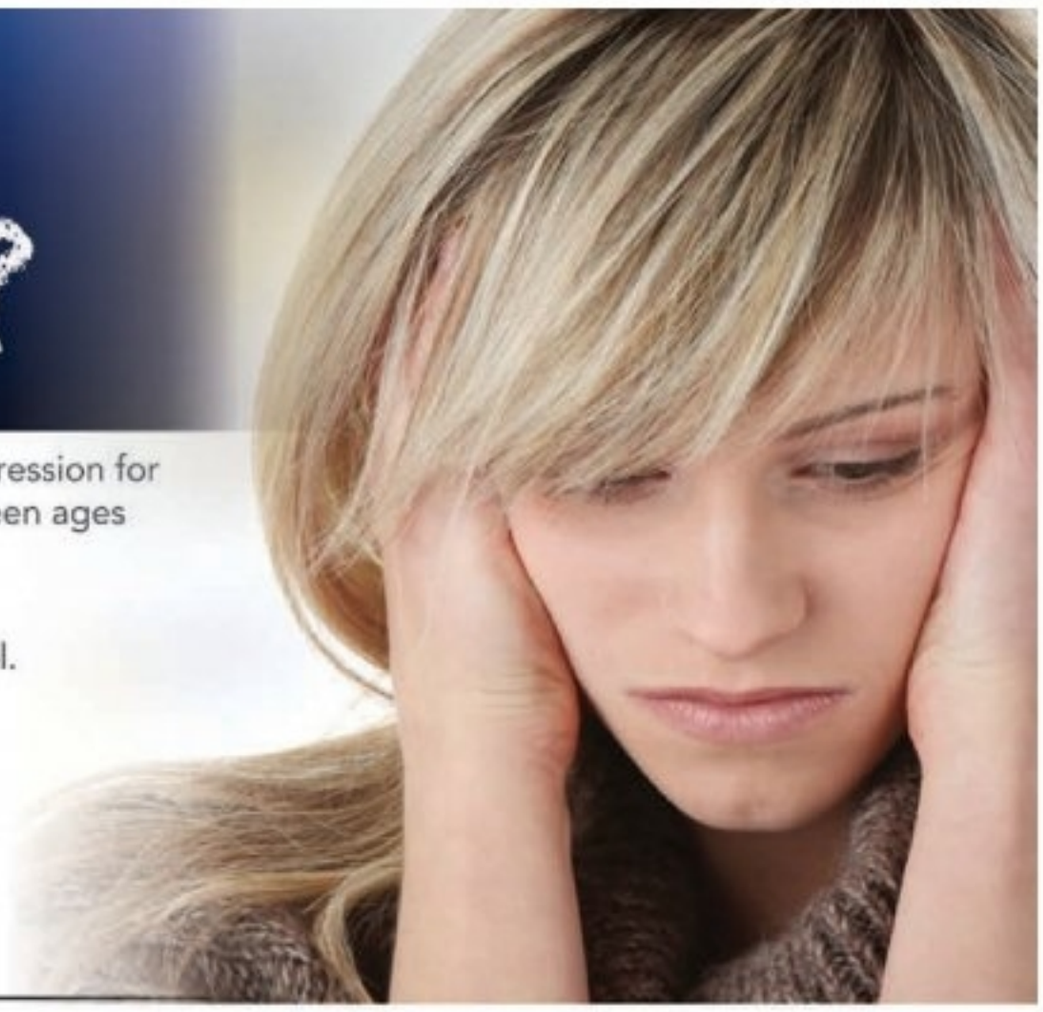

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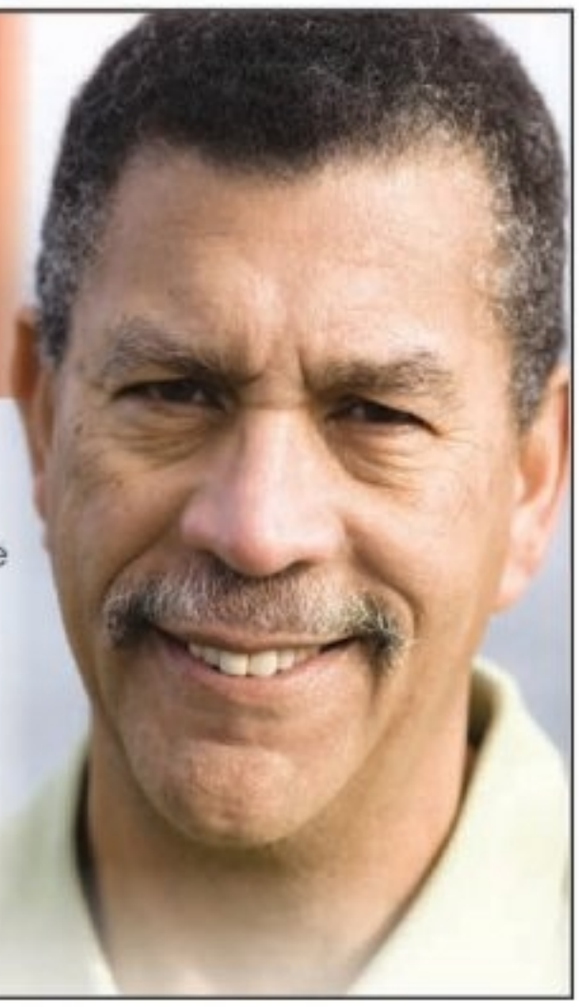

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